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SUBJ: REORGANIZATION OF THE NATO MILITARY COMMAND CONTROL AND
INFORMATION SYSTEMS WORKING GROUP (MCCISWG)

1. AT RECENT TWELFTH MEETING OF THE NATO COMMAND CONTROL AND INFORMATION SYSTEMS AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING COMMITTEE (NCCDPC), CHAIRMAN OF MCCISWG TABLED AN OUTLINE PROPOSAL FOR REORGANIZATION OF THE MCCISWG TO ALIGN ITS PROGRAM OF WORK TO FIT THE TYPE TASKS REFERRED TO IT. HE PROPOSES TO TABLE A FORMAL PROPOSAL AT THE APRIL 1976 MCCISWG MEETING. A SUMMARY OF HIS OUTLINE PROPOSAL FOLLOWS.

2. MCCISWG AND ITS SUBGROUPS ARE NOW CONCERNED WITH TWO GENERIC TYPES OF TASKS: THOSE PERTAINING TO ADP SYSTEMS SUPPORTING NATO COMMAND AND CONTROL, AND THOSE CONCERNED WITH SYSTEMS INTERFACE STANDARDS. THE EXPERTISE REQUIRED TO CONSIDER THESE SUBJECTS IS DIFFERENT, AND IS SELDOM AVAILABLE IN ONE INDIVIDUAL REPRESENTATIVE. PROPOSED REORGANIZATION WOULD ESTABLISH TWO WORKING GROUPS TO REPLACE THE PRESENT MCCISWG, ONE FOR ADP SYSTEMS, THE OTHER FOR INTERFACE STANDARDS.

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3. THE SYSTEMS WORKING GROUP (NCCISWG) WOULD BE STAFFED MUCH AS THE MILITARY C-E WORKING GROUP (MCEWG) AND THE JOINT CE-E WORKING GROUP (JCEWG), WITH MEMBERS FURNISHED FROM DELEGATIONS SO THAT THEY CAN MEET WITH GREATER FREQUENCY THAN THE PRESENT

MCCISWG, PERHAPS AS OFTEN AS TWICE A MONTH.

4. THE INTERFACE STANDARDS WORKING GROUP (NSISWG) WOULD HAVE THREE SUBGROUPS, ONE EACH FOR ADATP 1, ADATP 3, AND ADATP 4, EACH RESPONSIBLE FOR MAINTAINING THE STANAGS IN ITS FIELD. THE WORKING GROUP WOULD COORDINATE THE WORK OF THESE SUBGROUPS, INSURING CORRELATION OF MATTERS COMMON TO TWO OR MORE OF THE SUBGROUPS.

5. WE BELIEVE THAT THE PROPOSED REORGANIZATION WOULD PROVIDE BETTER SUPPORT FOR THE NCCDPC AS WELL AS MORE EFFICIENT CONTROL OF THE INTERFACE STANDARDS PROLBEM. ACTION REQUESTED: GUIDANCE FOR DISCUSSION WHEN PROPOSAL IS PRESENTED AT THE APRIL 1976 MEETING ODCCISWG.BRUCE

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